Economics (Politics and the Economy), BS

Economics examines how societies, businesses and individuals deal with scarcity. This concentration adds the insights of political science to policies such as antitrust, taxation, environment and health care. Understanding the connections between these fields can prepare you to appreciate and engage in economic and public policymaking decisions.

Program Description

The concentration in politics and the economy serves undergraduate students in the BS program in economics who wish to pursue careers in business, economic and political consulting, political science, law and government.

In addition to coursework drawn from economics, the concentration also requires coursework that highlights the impact of government policies on the economy and the conditions under which government interventions may be warranted. Students take political science courses that provide a deep understanding of political processes and institutions as well as methodologies for understanding that behavior.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit the college's website for more information and requirements.

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe
- Additional Program Fee: Yes
- Second Language Requirement: No
First Required Math Course: Any math course that meets the MA designation, except MAT 142 College Mathematics.

Math Intensity: Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree with:

Global Management, MGM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
The world is increasingly interconnected, and study abroad allows students to explore economics in other countries while developing in-demand professional skills like cross-cultural communication and problem-solving. Summer programs can provide experience at international financial institutions and help students increase their understanding of economics on a global scale.

Students can learn more on the Global Education website.

Career Opportunities

Graduates are well prepared for successful careers in business, economic and political consulting, law and government, whether they seek employment immediately upon graduation or they choose to pursue advanced degrees in law, business, economics or political science.

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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